

**The NIH Director's  
Council of *Public Representatives* (COPR)**

**Report of the April 21, 2006  
COPR Meeting**

***Presentation to the Advisory  
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# **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

## **The Highlights**

# Add a Fourth “P”: Participatory!

- NIH to consider adding a fourth “P” to its overall vision— “participatory”
  - Supports trans-NIH vision of inclusion
  - Scientific Community, Public, Industry, etc.

# Knowledge Management (OPASI)

- COPR supports OPASI, as well as the development of a strategic communication plan for the interested public
- COPR liaison to Knowledge Management

# Role of the Public in the Research Process

- COPR applauds the NIH's commitment to increasing public involvement in the research continuum
- NIH needs to identify additional opportunities for public involvement and input in the research continuum (e.g., OER)
- Initiate efforts to educate researchers about the value and importance of public input

# Collaborative Research

- Promote meaningful collaboration between smaller community research entities and large academic institutions
- NIH-funded researchers should be encouraged to pursue partnerships with voluntary groups, community health organizations, etc.
- Make community outreach/involvement a review criterion for some (appropriate) research grants
- Recognize successful connections between NIH-funded research and the community/public (awards)

# COPR/ACD Liaison Relationship

Wendy Chaite and Annelise Barron are working closely to establish stronger bonds and communication linkages between ACD and COPR:

- Co-presenting at meetings
- Invite various ACD members to “observe and participate in” the COPR work day